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On The Cover

Adrian Demain flies high  
over the heads of fellow Del

Marians at the recent

C.A.S.L. Series at Del Mar Contest

As you probably already have noticed, I have not put out my skate rag for the last seven months. This has not been from lack of interest in skating, or skating stories, but more of lack of time and money. This summer I was very busy skating, and trying to get better everyday and then going out of state two times that I really didn't have the time to write all my articles, and put together my rag, especially with school starting. And my money situation wasn't that great either. I had to buy a whole new pool/ramp set up, a new street set up, pay \$120 for my two year awaited trip to the Del Mar Skateranch and other assorted things. Now, don't get me wrong, I'm not trying to moan, whine, bitch, and complain. I'm just telling you the facts. So sorry about the long belated issue, but things do come up. Read on.....as you and I can tell, skateboarding has picked back up again very heavily in the last four months. Where there used to be 3 major truck companies now there's 6. Where there used to be 4 major wheel companies, now there's 8. Where there used to be 8 major board companies, now there's 16. As you can see skate equipment has practically doubled in the last 4 months. Now, the second part of those numbers, the ones which doubled the skating equipment, in my opinion, are the "big boom, wanna be skate companies". They see the

chance of making the big buck, off who you may ask? Off you, off course! They see skating getting big again, so they jump on the band wagon, make a couple wheels here, make a couple boards there, pour out some trucks, etc., etc. And voila! There you have a "big boom wanna-be skate company." I mean, you tell me the last time you've seen a "skate bike". "Has shaken California like an earthquake!" Bull crap! I mean, you put on the brake, and-a-buddie, people are going to be looking at you weird. Or how 'bout the last time you looked on the bottom of someone's board? I bet you didn't see "Venture", or "Impulse" trucks bolted to the bottom of their board with "Vanguard" wheels spinning on the axles, Right? Right! Now, I'm not saying it's not good for skateboarding to get big again, but let it get big with the real, true companies that have been around for a while, support the companies you know you can count on. Let them make the money so they will thrive even better, and keep giving the products you can trust. You know who they are....

Todd Thomas  
Editor

## RAG LIST

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This rag put out by Brad Marx is definitely one of the best rags to date. Packed full of pictures, stories, articles, skate art, etc. Are all crammed into this full-on skate zine. Send him any kind of skate input and you will be on his mailing list. And if you don't well, just send him 75 cents and 2 stamps for an issue. Don't miss out!

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### SPEEP ZINE

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This zine is put out by the little big man himself, Steve Caballero. With such features as gossip-n-shit, the Punk Page, a cartoon, record reviews, ramp reviews, amateur close-up articles, and other stuff. You can get this mag from him for 50 cents. (order a "faction" sticker too, while you're at it. Make him happy. Ha! Hee! Hee!)

### SWANK ZINE

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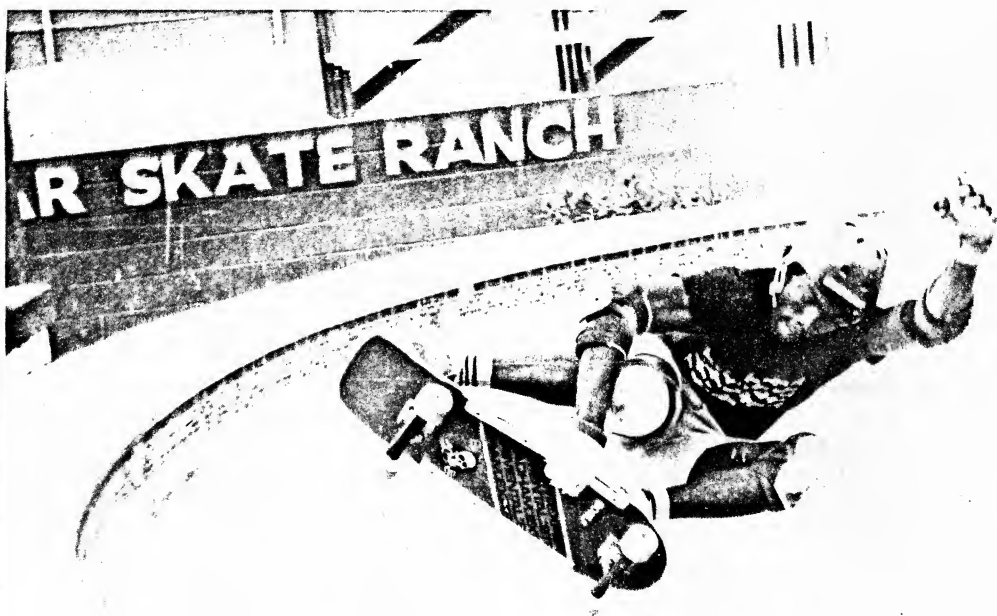
This zine is produced totally by Todd Swank. Lots of weird drawings, and pictures. Not too much written material. Mostly has pro pictures in it. You can get it from him 25 cents and a stamp.

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# DEL MAR

# ADVENTURE



STEVE STEADHAM

# SKATEING!

# FUN!

# C.A.S.L.



Oct. 10, 1984 4:30 A.M.

I was awakened by a buzzing-screaching noise by the side of my bed coming from a little plastic box with hands on it to tell time. But I didn't care what time it was, I knew what time it was, for it was Del Mar time, and I was happy. How long I had waited for this trip! But this little box kept making noise I didn't like, I smashed it-- it stopped. How nice. I got up, got dressed, ate, and got ready for the next 13 hour, red-eye torture cruise that layed ahead of me. I tried to get psyched up but, just couldn't find it in me at this hour. So when Brad's parents and Brad came to pick me up, I took it upon myself to conk back out in the back of their car when we left. When I awoke, we were still in Utah. Boooooo! But my mind was filled of the thoughts of Del Mar and the trip went pretty fast as we buzzed through the rest of Utah, Arizona, and into California. We arrived at Brad's parent's daughter's house in Huntington Beach at about 6:30. We ate, skated, and then hit the sleeping sack, anticipating the next day. We awoke the next day, dressed, ate and were on our way by 9:30. We got into the town of Del Mar at about 10:30, found a hotel, checked in, and then drove down to the park (which is at the bottom of about a one mile hill that

Brad and I would have to be walking up, and skating down for the next 3 days to get to the park and back. Since, when his parents left there was no means of transportation for us). We got there about a 1/2 hour early, so we had to wait around. I walked over to the fence and gazed in through it at the park. I noted the change of some things from the last time I was there a year and a half ago. Such as parking curbs put at the left top side of the freestyle reservoir, a judging stand knocked out, and the keyhole just a little more worn.

After a while the doors to the park opened and we went in. We paid for our Del Mar cards, (I had a little 20 minute delay with mine since my parents weren't there to sign a release, but I got in). I grabbed my skate equipment, and then went into the park area. Brad was already skating when I got in. I walked over the the keyhold and watched him as I put on all my gear, getting ready to skate. He just finished his run when he walked over and said to me: "God, this pool is so hard to pump. It's not anything like our 1/2 pipes!" I just said, "Oh, I guess we'll have to get used to it", as I finished putting the rest of my equipment on. And get used to it is what we did by the end of the day. Brad was doing extended grinds off the

hip, reverse ice plants, fake ollies, nice airs, rock'n'-rolls, axle stalls, agro sweepers, etc. And I was getting down my back-frontside airs, mute airs, grinds, and invert. All in all, it was a fun first day. Lots of people showed up, Steve Steadham, Tony Hawk, Allen Losi, Lester Kasal, G.S.D., Adrian Demain, Dave Bedore, Billy Ruff, Eric Grisham, and Chris Balck to name a few. Steve Steadham and Adrian Demain seemed like pretty nice guys. Steve flowed me about 20 different kinds of Powell stickers since I'm on the bones Brigade and use Powell stuff. I kind of hung around and talked to these guys for the next 2 days that I was there. I took pics of all the above guys mentioned and watched them skate. They all have their own individual rad style and tricks.

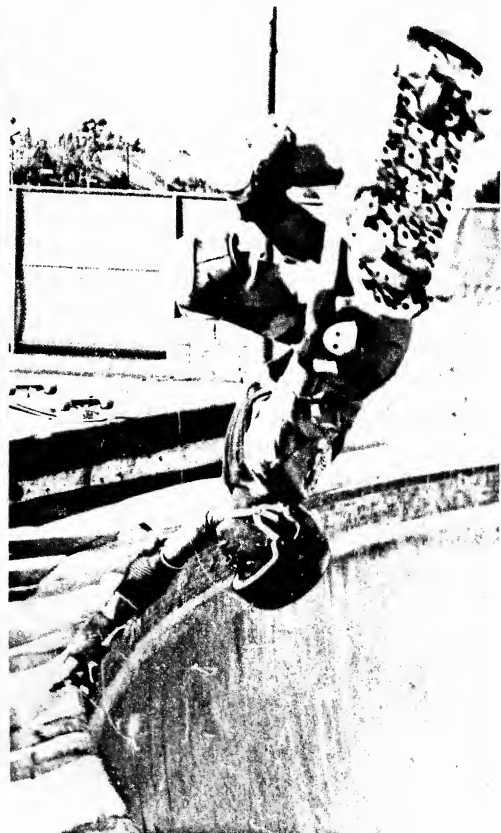
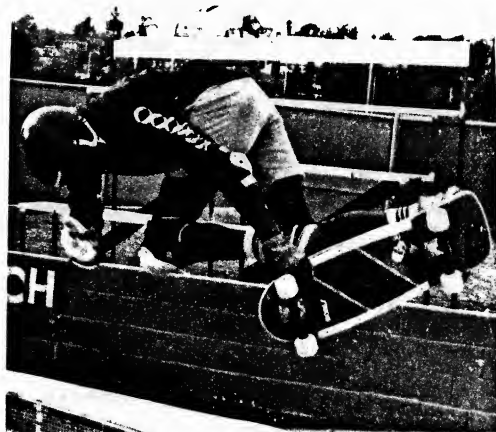
That night before we left the park, we went to Denneys to eat (I wonder how many skaters have eaten here?) We went in, sat, ordered, ate, paid and left with no commotion caused whatsoever. Then Brad and I hiked it back up to the hotel. When we got there the room was a 110<sup>0</sup>, the soap in the shower was the Avon lady sample size, the pillows smelled like the back of greasy necks, and we were just plain bored. So we stuck some stickers in some real "non-obvious" places among the room. But that didn't help

much. So, we went out skating. We went down the road and back. That was real fun! Our problem still wasn't helped. So, we then went over the the hotel pool and checked out the transition, pretty good, but--there was water in it. HEY, SWIMMING! Nope, no swimming. Too late. Well, we still weren't having fun, and our boredom problem still wasn't solved, so we went back to our room (Hey, weren't we just here?) We plopped down on our beds and watched T.V. Soon our boredom problem was overtaken by sleep as we went out.



ABOVE: ALLEN LOSI, INVERT.  
RIGHT: BRAD SMITH, FRONTSIDE AIR.





ABOVE: STEVE STEADHAM.  
RIGHT: TONY HAWK.



The next morning I awoke to blue skies, and a shining sun. It looked like a good day for skating. Brad, too, awoke as we both got ready for the second day of skating at the Ranch. We grabbed our skate bags and departed. We skated down and past Del Mar a little ways to McDonald's for breakfast. (This would be our energy refueling stop for the next 2 days). We finished our meal again without any commotion and then skated back to

I have to skate! I can't wait to skate!" over and over again. Finally the doors opened and we went in. It was the day before the contest and lots of amateurs were showing up. We knew the keyhole would be packed for practice. In about the first 45 minutes, amateurs like Chris Black, Chris Robinson, Adrian Demain, Eric Jueden, Bob Pribble, Eric Nash, Dave Swift, Jeff Grosso, and others started to show and skate. I was feeling alot

HERE: JEFF GROSSO, BIO  
BACKSIDE AIR.



the park. Again we got there early and we had to sit by the door for about another 1/2 hour before we got to go in. Lester Kasal and his friends were there too, along with Eric Grisham, and Alan Losi. It seemed as though Lester was anticipating skating as he kept on saying--"I wanna' skate! I can't wait to skate!

more comfortable in the pool, and had it pretty much wired this day. I'm sure Brad did too. It showed in both of us. The big practice sessions went on throughout the day, as people thought out their runs, lines, and routines for the contest the next day. The skating was bio and consistent by everyone present. Every

once in a while skaters like Tony Hawk or Lester Kasai would decide to take to the keyhole and put on an air show of their own. 7 ft. of air seems so easy to these young men! Quite impressive.

The day wore on and late evening started to settle in. Still skaters practiced, and still skaters showed up, Pros and Ams alike. Neil Blender, Billy Ruff, Pete Finlan, Bobby Fry, Paul Molina, G.S.D., Cameron Tabbytite, Ken Park and others. I had my line for

the contest all thought out and wired for the next day, so I stopped skating and got out my camera and photographed one of the hottest sessions I have ever witnessed. There were at least 20-25 Pro and Am skaters all going at it at the same time. Heavy snaking occurred. But bio skating, and FUN was had by all. The session went on until the park closed at 11:00. Brad went back to the hotel early, so I had to hike it back by myself. When I got there sleep was all I had on my mind after skating for 12



HERE! LESTER KASAI FLATLY CONTORTS THIS  
BACKSIDE AIR.

hours. So I just went straight to my bed and straight to sleep.

Brad's parents would be there later to pick them up.

## ERIC NASH, NIGHT SESSION INVERT.



Brad and I then took off towards the park. When we got there the place was packed with skaters, organizers, company reps, etc. Since this was our first C.A.S.L. contest of the year, we had to sign up with their organization. So that took us a while besides just signing up for the contest and paying the entry fee itself. When we got done with that mess, we went into the park to see what was going on and what the order of events would be. It seemed that the 1a 13 and under skaters were taking their practice runs and they would be competing first. Then the 1a, 14 to 15 yrs. skaters would practice then compete, and then the 1a 16 and over skaters would practice and then compete last. I got out my equipment, put it on and started to skate in the freestyle area and the shallow end of the 1/2 pipe to warm up for when I would be competing later in the day.

The next morning I woke up later than I was supposed to. And Brad didn't wake me up either. So I had to shower, get dressed, cram my gear in my skate bag, get all my clothes together, and check out in about 25 minutes. Luckily the lady that managed the motel let us keep our suitcases in her own little personal office, so we wouldn't have to drag them down to the park. We told her

When the 1a 13 and under group started off the contest, I went over to watch. The kids that enter in the 1a are beginners. They do lots of kick turns, little airs, and other things. They each get two-45 second runs as do the rest of the groups - 2a, 3a, and sponsored Ams. After they finished the 1a 14-15 group started their practice. So I decided I should go eat something since I hadn't eaten

anything yet that day. So I skated up to the McDonald's and scarfed down some food and then came back. When I got back the 1a 14-15 group had already finished their contest, and the roller skaters were in the middle of theirs. So I sat down and watched as Jimi Scott took 1st place in the roller skating. After that the 1a 16 and over group started their practice and then their contest. After it was over there was a break in the action before the sponsored Ams would take to the pool for their contest (Yeh!) By the way, I didn't know any of the names who placed in the 1a groups, so I can't say who won what. Anyhow, after the short break, the sponsored Ams took to the pool for their practice.

The guys to beat seemed to be Adrian Demain and Jeff Grosso. These two Powell and Santa Cruz amateurs were tearing it up! After the practice subsided, the contest got under way for them. They all had B10 runs for their first heat (except Chris May who fell 3 times in a row). Chris Black skated with high airs, air to tail on the hip, and nice Inverts. Adrian Demain, skating to Rock Around the Clock, did contorted airs, fakie Inverts, R-n-R slides, units, les twists, Boneless ones, and other hot moves. Jeff Grosso was in there with 6 ft. B-side airs, eggplants, sad plants, and other mind blowing tricks. Also having

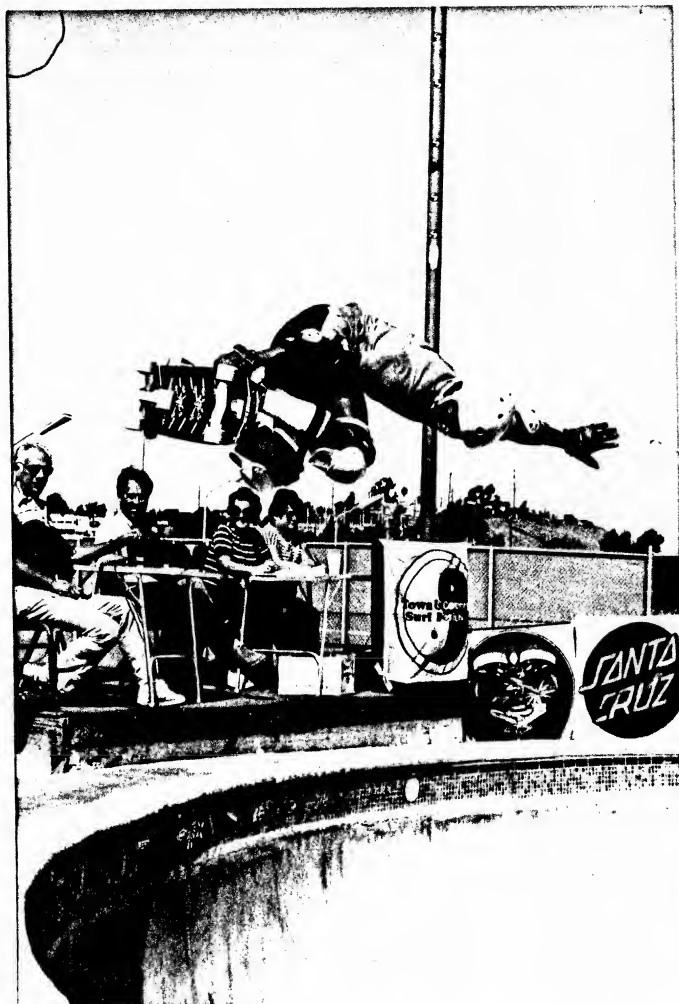
good runs were Eric Jeuden, Dave Bedore, Paul Molina, and Eric Nash.

In the second heat, Adrian Demain really had the crowd behind him as he pulled out all the stops. They were yelling and screaming all through his run. He was definitely the crowd's favorite. It seemed as though Jeff Grosso had the crowd pretty much behind him too, as they would yell and cheer throughout his run also. After all the sponsored Ams were finished, Adrian Demain was announced the winner. I don't know who took 2nd, but I'm sure it was Grosso.

After all the excitement from the sponsored Am's contest calmed down, the 2a groups started their contest. The 2a 13 yrs. and under guys went first. They did basically what the 1a guys did, but they have a little more experience at doing it. Then the 2a 14-15 group went. These guys can get some airs, inverts, and footplants into their routine, but nothing really different from the rest. The next group up was the 2a, 16 and over. That was Brad's and my group. I was set up to go second before last, and Brad was to go last. Our group started and after a while it started to get closer and closer to when I would be taking my first run. There was one more skater to go before I would, so I walked around to the opposite side of the pool by the

bleachers and stood there going over my run in my mind, while waiting to go. The skater finished his run. As then the announcer said: "The next skater up is Todd Thomas." I walked up to the edge of the pool, and stood

air, then came back and did a carve grind, then a backside air, another grind; came back and pulled my invert, everything was going fine until I came back to do a mute air and I had to bail. CRAP! So I grabbed up my skate and ran



HERE: ADRIAN DEMAIN, FLYING TO FIRST.

there waiting for the command to go. He then said, "Anytime you're ready, Todd." So, I plopped the tail of my board on the coping, took a breath, and then dropped in. I flew across the bottom, did my first trick -- a front side

back up to the coping and dropped in again, as the announcer said I had 15 seconds left. So I did a frontside grind, a frontside nose-grab grind, and ended my run with B-side air and a carve out of the pool. I don't



remember exactly what my scores, were but they were good, somewhere in the high 70's and 80's. After my run, Brad took his. He had a nice run with front side airs, ice plants, fakie ollies, foot-plant thrusters, extended frontside grinds, rock'n'-rolls, and handplants. He didn't fall once, and had nice scores, too.

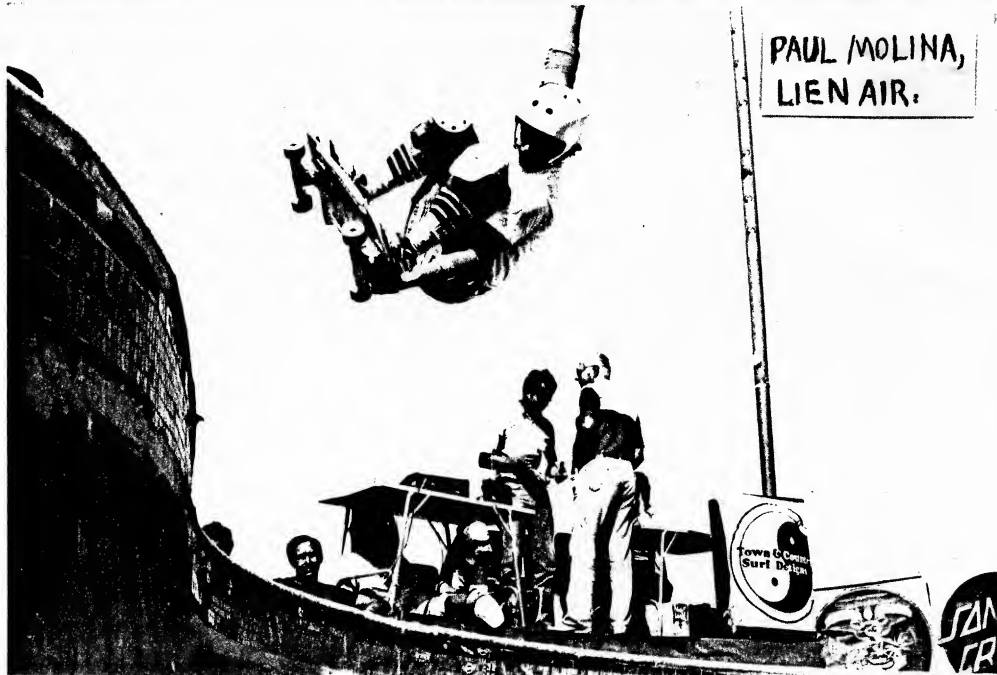
After that the field of skaters had to take their second runs. So I just hung around waiting for mine. When

## JEFF GROSSO, SAD PLANTING.



my turn came around, I got a real shitty lame wanna be New Wave song over the PA system. So, no music to keep me going in this run (my first one I had "Mommy's Little Monster" by Social Destortion). So when I was ready, I dropped in for my second run. I did the same routine as I did in my first run. And guess what? I even bailed on the same trick as I did in my first run. Nice, huh? And to make things worse, I hung up on a front-side grind and fell on that, too! So now I had two falls in the same run, and by the time I was done falling my time was up. So for my second and last run, I didn't get very high scores. I was kind of disappointed, so I went over to the freestyle area and watched the freestylers warm up. I totally missed Brad's run, but I guess he fell once in his also. They announced our groups standings and Brad came in 3rd and I came in 4th place. Well, that's the way it goes, eh?

I didn't even see any of the 3a group because after our contest I went off skating the reservoirs and talked to Adrian Demain. And after that, I went to eat at McDonald's. When I got back, the freestylers were practicing for their contest. I went and found Adrian and he and I went around and "pestered" people. Later, when Adrian and I were talking to Dave Crabb, he said one of the judges said that if I didn't



fall those two times in my second run, I would have had 1st place. Well, tuff luck... Odent Schnodent!.... Well, anyway, Adrian and I went over the the drinking fountain to get a drink and after we finished we heard this strange noise coming out of the boys' bathroom, so we went over to check it out. When we walked in, there sat Neil Blender, Jeff Grosso, Lester Kasai, and his cousin, Terrence all strategically placed in the bathroom, around a tape recorder with guitars in their hands. We asked them what they were doing and they told us to shut up until they were done. When they were done, they explained that they were making a song for Jeff Grosso's freestyle routine. We just said "Oh", as they told us to be quiet again so they could make the final copy. Neil Blender

started off the little tune with a basic circus tune but a little off, then Terrence came in with the same tune, but twanged away his strings faster, so it sounded kind of Italian like. Adrian and I didn't know what to do, so we just hit the bathroom door in time with the tune. We mixed it all together so it sounded like "row, row, row your boat" when a bunch of people start in one right after the other. Then we got it gong faster, as Jeff Grosso started saying "circus, circus", over and over again. Then Blender joined in, and then we all joined in chanting, "circus, circus, circus" in a slow unison. Then the guitars got faster, and we got faster, and the chanting got louder, until we were all yelling and screaming "circus" like a bunch of idiots as loud as we

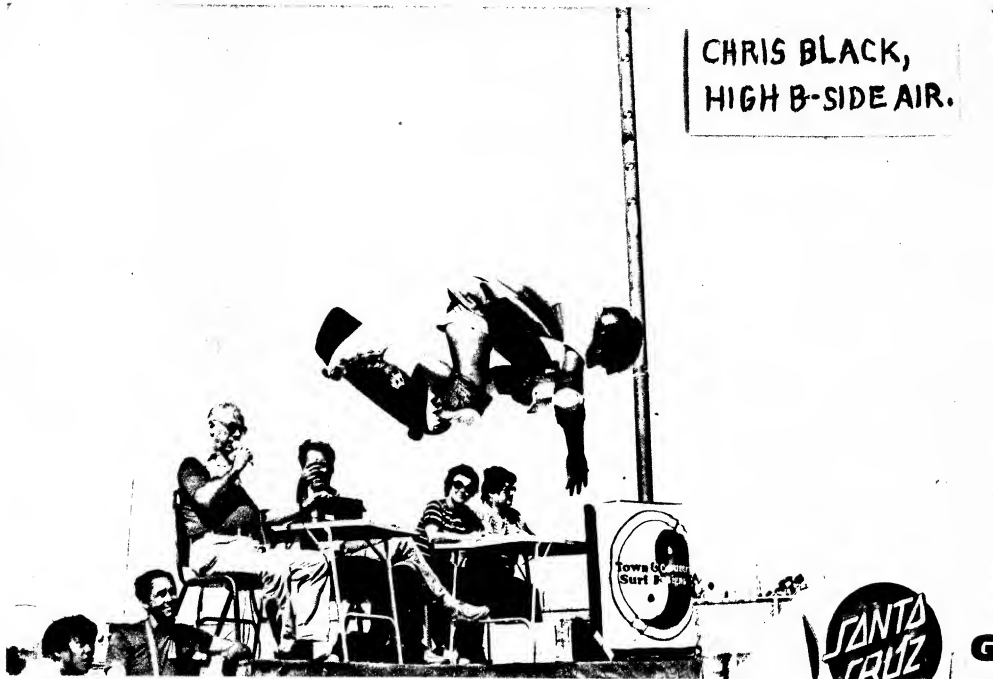
could, until we slowed down and then stopped with a bunch of laughter. We all ran out of the bathroom, like excited littled kids going to the zoo, and went over to the benches by the miniature golf course and asked an old man if he had a watch so we could time it for 45 seconds. He did, so Blender re-wound the tape and started timing it as we all snickered and giggled all the way through it. It came out to be 45 seconds exactly for Grosso's freestyle routine. We all started cracking up because of how funny it was going to be. So Grosso and them went over the the freestyle area to give the judge the tape for his routine later, while Adrian and I went into the Pro shop to find out if I would be getting a trophy or anything for my placing in the contest. It ended up that

they were only giving out trophys and placques for 1st through 3rd place. So I didn't win anything. But I didn't care, because when I would leave, I would have had more fun, and more fun memories, then what a trophy could give me.

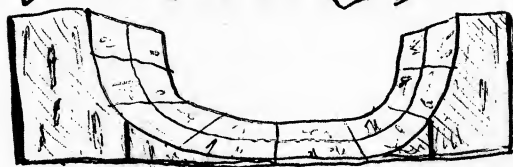
Just then Brad's parents came up to me and said it was time to go, and head back to Hunnington Beach. So, I slowly got my skate stuff, got Brad, took my last look at the park where I had so much fun in just the last 3 days, said "bye" to Adrian and Steve Steadham, and then went out to Brad's parent's car and took off. I never did see Grosso's routine, oh, well.....

Todd Thomas

**CHRIS BLACK,  
HIGH B-SIDE AIR.**



# SWANNERS



## RAMP

Last summer Brad Smith and a handful of other skaters from the far East side of S.L.C. built a  $\frac{1}{2}$  pipe up in the avenues in the back of Scott Swanners back yard. The ramp was 24 ft. wide, 12 ft. flat, 8 ft. high on one side, and 10 ft. high on the other. The 8' side had two 3 ft. extensions on each corner, and the 10' side had a 3 ft. wide channel. It also had rollouts and real coping on one side and P.V.C. on the other.

There were some differing opinions on the ramp though because of the lack of vertical on the low side, but everybody seemed able to adapt, learn tricks, and most of all have fun.

But then in the middle of September the ramp had to be torn down because of everyday neighbor complaints about the noise.

GREG BOND, ROCK 'N' ROLL.



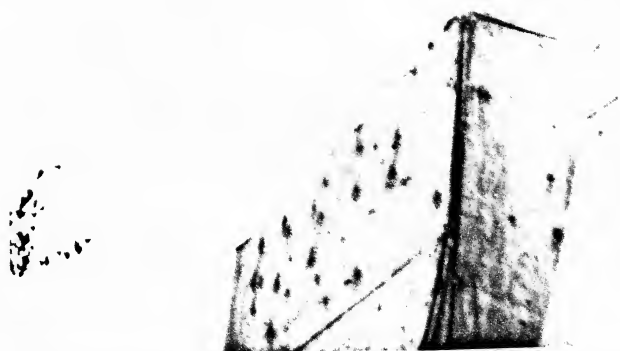
CHRIS ROMNEY,  
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TROY LANQUIST,  
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BRAD SMITH, FAKIE  
OLLIE NIGHT-FLIGHT.



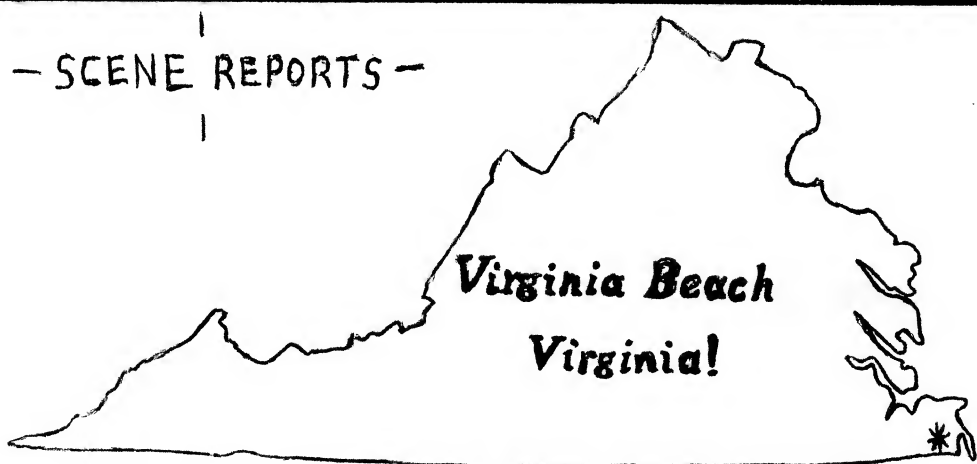
GREG BOND, BACKSIDE CHANNEL.





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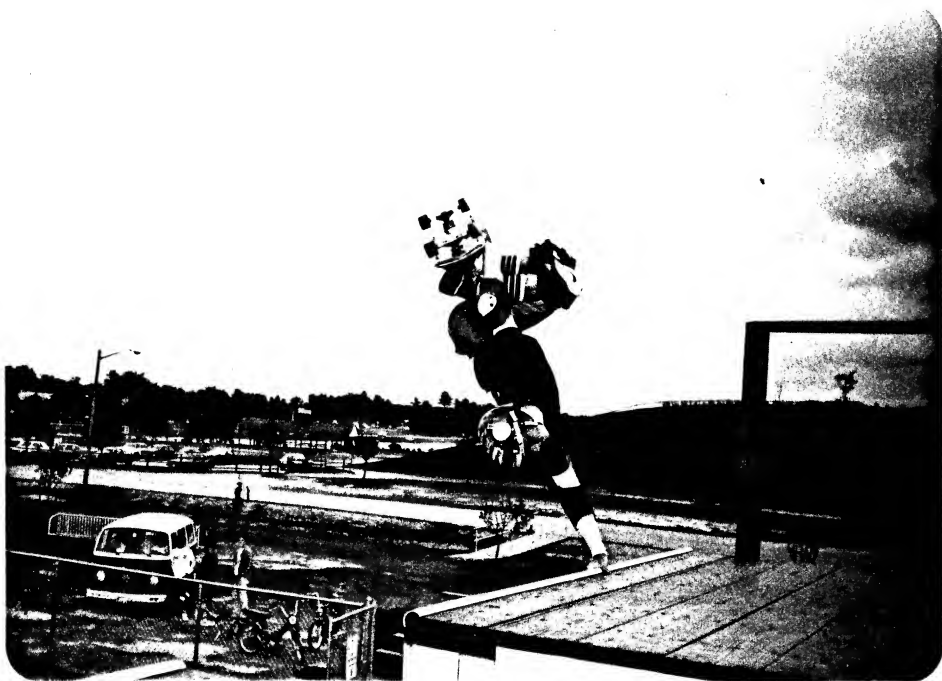
So what can be said about Virginia Beach that hasn't been said before? Not much, but I'll give it my best shot. The following news is the same story that is making skaters everywhere literally green with envy. When the city council votes in favor of a proposal to outlaw backyard ramps, most skaters took to the phones. The city dept. was swamped with calls, petitions, and letters. So then the compromise took place, in order to give the skaters some form of compensation for their unwilling sacrifice, they awarded us with the promise of building two mega-structure \$4,000 ramps. Well, being the distinguished folks that they are, they definitely kept their promise. It's almost December and the first ramp has been skateable since late August. The dimensions are 32 feet wide, 10 feet high, 1 foot of vert, a 3 foot channel, wide 8 foot platforms on each side, along with stairways, benches, changing rooms below the ramp, and bleachers. Just recently the second ramp

was finished and the first ramp, at Mt. Trashmore, had some damage sheets replaced and was equipped with brand new pool coping.

Oh yeah, there are plenty of mags here to keep the action up also. Let's see V.B. Trash, Tidewater Arse, Sick Nature, Rigor Mortis, Independent Viewpoint, Light At The End of A Tunnel, Circle A, and my rag, Ragged Edge. For these addresses and a few more, send a nice donation and one or two stamps to me, for my next issue.

-Brad Marx  
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OPPOSITE PAGE: ALIEN  
MIDGETTE (TOP) AND  
MIKE CRESCINI (BOTTOM)  
COMPARE INVERTS UNDER  
ATHREATENING SKY.





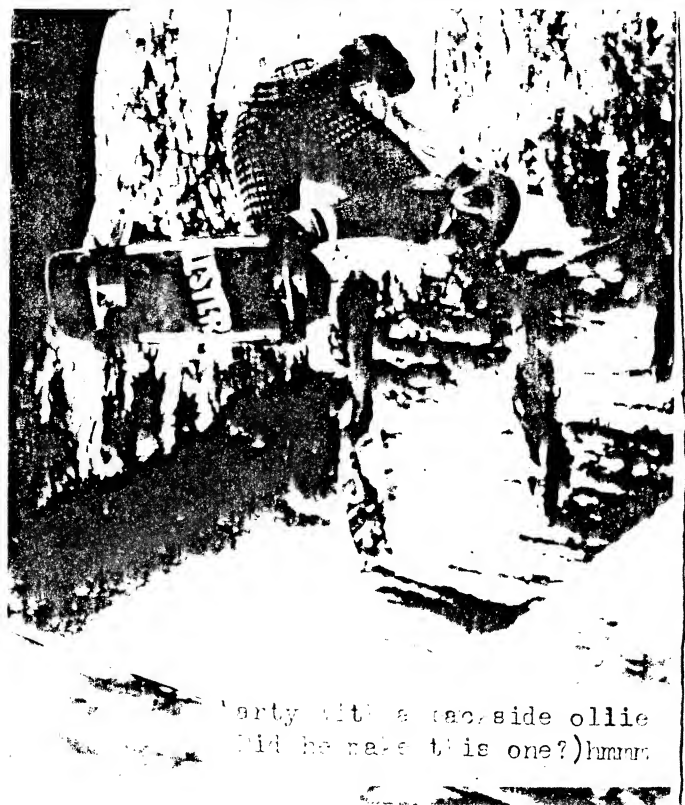
ABOVE: JOHN FUDALA,  
TALL INVERT, HIS RAMP.



HERE: MIKE CRESCINNI, INDY AIR.



MARTY BEAUDOIN, TUCK  
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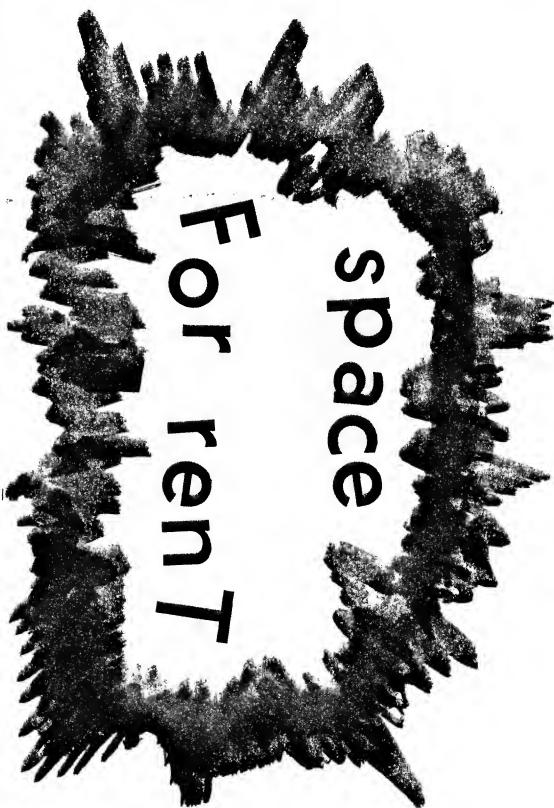


Marty with a backside ollie  
(Did he make this one?) hmmm

# Shredded Copers

The Powell-Peralta Bones Brigade video is out and available to you now! Swaners Ramp got torn down. A new ramp is up again though. 16 feet wide, 16 feet flat, 9 feet high, with 1 foot of vert, P.V.C. coping, and roll outs. It seems that Brad Smith has taken it upon himself to build most of the structure by himself so far since most skaters are "too busy" (but they won't be "busy" when it's done...) To help, all he needs is about 6 people to donate \$10 and the second layer of ply would be complete (I donated my \$10). So let's see some \$ action out there! (Gosh, all he wanted was some plywood!) Todd Thomas and Brad Smith went to the Del Mar C.A.S.L. contest. Bruce Whitehead got a new bright Pink Powell-Peralta McGill deck, how cute! Steve Caballero is coming out with a new graphic and deck shape in the future. McGill already has his. Adrian Demain likes to "pester" people. He also decided it was necessary for him to win the Del Mar C.A.S.L. contest. Del Mar got new coping on the keyhole! Eric Jouden learned frontside boneless ones. Todd Thomas got a new Vato Rat Powell-Peralta deck thing. Steve Steadham has his experimental own prototype deck

out now. Neil Blender throws his deck hard! Jeff Grosso kicks out his inverts, what-a-man! See you later, Skate Brigade.



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WELL... WE ENCOUR-  
AGE ALL OF YOU TO  
COME IN TO SEE WHAT  
IS GOING ON... ALSO  
WE'D LIKE TO SEE  
YOU DO FLYERS THAT  
EXPRESS HOW YOU  
FEEL WITH ALL YOU  
KNOW... IT'S YOUR  
SCENE AS WELL...  
.....USE IT!!!!

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